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No-Waste Drive Nets Sharp Drop

The volume of valuable items found in waste cans was lowered considerably this week, executive officer Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook Jr., reported, regarding the outcome of the recent waste-and-loss campaign.

"About ten days ago when we waste cans from hospital wards, waste cans from hospital wards, personnel quarters and barracks," Colonel Westbrook continued, "we found numerous new and salvageable items that had been thoughtlessly or carelessly thrown into the cans. Now, we are glad to say, we find only a very few."

"Colonel Duggins is particularly gratified by the cooperative response that hospital personnel have given to this matter," said Colonel Westbrook, "and I was very happy to be able to give him such an encouraging report."

"However," the colonel warned in conclusion, "the check of all waste cans will continue indefinitely, and anyone who persists in carelessly throwing away any usable or salvageable item will be disciplined."

Radios Needed, New or Beat Up, For Reconditioning

Radios of any kind, condition, vintage, or performance record are needed for the use of patients at McGuire, according to Major Craig Muckle.

Major Muckle, in charge of Reconditioning Service at McGuire, said that some of the radios would be used as instruction material for the class in radio repair, while those in reasonably good condition would be made usable for service on the wards for bed patients.

Designed primarily to encourage patients to use arm and hand muscles in a reconditioning program for the speedier recovery of wounded nerve and muscle tissue, the radio repair classes will also serve to give some of the patients a new hobby or a new method of earning a living when returned to civilian life.

"Please let us have any radio or any radio parts that you can spare," urged Major Muckle, "for it is not possible to organize the radio classes fully until enough material to work on has been received."

"No matter how antiquated or apparently unserviceable the radios or radio parts may seem, they can be used in our classes. Any radio set or part may be left for us at the Red Cross Chapter House, 2 North Fifth Street in Richmond, or at the Red Cross information desk in McGuire. If the radio is too large for you to deliver to either of those places, please telephone me at the hospital—extension 230—and I will arrange to have it picked up and brought here."

Bargain Basement

More hard-to-get goods promise to adorn PX shelves next week, with the news that Captain Max Dreyer, PX officer, and ace at digging up rarities, is now in New York on a buying trip.

He left Tuesday night, and although he was non-committal on predictions, it is generally expected that he will return with loaded arms next Monday morning.

Mama, Buy Me One, Too



Pfc. Mike Sweda, anti-tank gunner from Masontown, Pa., shows his home-town pal, Sgt. Paul Albani, infantry rifle squad leader, the waxy twist that makes his "mustachio" the envy of any infantryman. Both are overseas combat casualty patients at McGuire—Albani in ward 44 and Sweda in ward 54. Good friends in civilian life before joining the army, they saw nothing of each other overseas, but met in the chow line on board the ship transporting wounded soldiers back to the States.

McGuire Bank, Open Next Week, Offers Daily Service

McGuire branch of the Morris Plan Bank of Richmond will open next Thursday, it was learned today.

The bank building recently completed off the west side of the corridor leading to the Arcade will house the bank branch and its vaults and equipment.

Complete banking facilities will be available to any McGuire patient or member of the hospital military or civilian staff.

These services include checking and savings accounts, traveler's checks, bank money orders, cashier's checks, the issuing and redeeming of war bonds and stamps, and the initial service for loans—although the negotiation of the loan will come through the main office in Richmond.

Bank business hours will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon daily, and these hours may be extended later to meet requirements as business volume increases.

Sketching Artist Here for Week

Artist Josephine Stein comes to McGuire next Monday for a six-day visit during which she will make portrait sketches of patients here. Her visit is part of USO-Camp Shows sketching program, working in conjunction with the Special Services Office.

Miss Stein has drawn over 2,200 servicemen from all corners of the earth since October, 1942, through her work on Camp Shows tours and with the New York City Defense Recreation Committee.

Men who are sketched will receive the original portrait free. In addition USO-Camp Shows has arranged to have photostats of the original made, one positive and one negative, both of which the serviceman will receive, also. From the negative, numerous copies can be made if desired. The pictures will be signed by Miss Stein and may be sent to the serviceman himself or to anyone he designates.

USO Quiz Show

Slanted towards honoring George Washington's birthday, a true or false quiz program is combined with a junior hostess fun feature on tonight's billing for the USO club, 2nd and Grace Streets.

Friday a songfest with slides and pianist is followed by informal dancing. Both programs begin at 8:15 p.m.

The "Gray Ladies" collect the purchasing requests from the patients in the wards and the information desk workers take requests from ambulatory patients. All shopping requests are then turned over to the volunteer Motor Corps women who do all the shopping.

Assisting Mrs. Sherwood and

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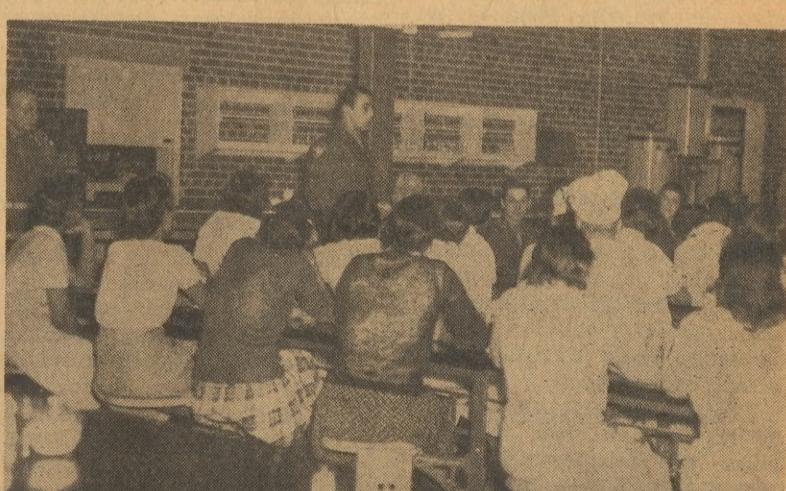
'Don't Let Our Buddies Down,' Plead Patients at Civilian Absentee Meeting

The high percentage of absenteeism among civilian personnel on this post is a matter of grave concern to everyone here, according to a recent talk given by commanding officer Colonel P. E. Duggins to the officers and civilian staff of the hospital mess and dietetics branch.

Three McGuire patients—S-Sgt. Howard T. Pullen of Ward 44, S-Sgt. G. Frank Almeida of Ward 50, and Pfc. Seymour Scochet of Ward 43, also spoke on the same subject following Colonel Duggins' talk. The three patients were introduced by public relations officer Lt. Howard B. Leeds who gave a brief resume of each patient's outstanding battle history.

WAC Lt. Virginia G. Breed, hospital personnel director concluded the program with remarks about the importance of a good attendance record as well as a good work record for those who wished to be on the payroll after the war as well as now.

Col. Duggins stressed the necessity for being on time and on the job every day, and pointed out that



Sgt. Pullen makes a point with mess hall personnel while seen seated, right, are Colonel P. E. Duggins, Pfc. Scochet and Lt. Virginia G. Breed, personnel director.

many of the mess hall employees had been placed on the payroll long before they were actually needed, in order to give them a better opportunity for training.

"You were not required to work very hard then as we had but few patients," reminded the colonel. "But as the number of patients and

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Construction Begins This Week on Barracks For 1,000 EMs, Wacs

Construction of 24 barracks for enlisted men and eight barracks for Wacs, all single story buildings, will get under way this week, it was learned from Major Walter B. Belitz, Jr., post engineer. Buildings will be constructed of cinder block, a material similar to masonry.

The new barracks, complete with one enlisted men's and one Wac recreation hall, administration building, supply building and mess hall will be located on the east side of the hospital grounds. Men's barracks will extend from opposite the gymnasium to the front of the hospital area between Hopkins Road and East Avenue. Wac buildings which must be ready for occupancy April 15, will be in the open space adjacent to Building 207.

Also to begin immediately is modification of four permanent VA buildings and conversion of existing detachment barracks to hospital wards to make room for 800 additional patients expected to arrive shortly for specialized care in neurosurgery.

Detachment barracks will be in pairs, with a connecting corridor, forming a U-shaped construction. One new building will provide quarters for Wac Officers.

The cinderblock construction, according to McGuire engineers, is noted for its ability to provide extra warmth on the cold months and coolness in summer. Buildings will be heated by U. S. Army No. 1 space heaters.

A mess hall and kitchen, to operate cafeteria-style, will serve both Wacs and enlisted men.

Virginia Engineering Co. has been awarded the contract for the new construction.

Blonde Fever

"Blonde Fever," is Red Cross' movie for this Saturday night, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. for patients only.

A sponsored party with girls, chow and variety entertainment takes over the hall tonight at 7.

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Half a Loaf Is Better Than None

By PFC. SEYMOUR SCOCHE

Patient, Ward 43

I'm an infantryman—infantrymen are generally associated with sore feet, so the basis of my spiel begins with sore feet.

While hiking across the Sicilian hills, during the campaign, my only thought was my feet, which were sore and decidedly weary. At this point, a mirage suddenly presented itself—a horse—bent in the middle, old as Methuselah, but, it WAS a horse.

We sized each other up and although he looked the worse for wear, I was on his back in nothing flat. I rode along, quite the guy, enjoying my newly found treasure to the fullest extent, when I realized to my displeasure, that the horse (whom I had named "Blood and Guts" because that was all he consisted of) had bones, very large uncomfortable bones.

He didn't have a saddle, I didn't have a blanket to separate from him what was left of my GI pants, so rather than have skin meet skin after a few more jogs, I decided to walk again. Not wanting to leave him or her (I never did find out which), I led "it" to our bivouac area and ran smack into the CO who had other ideas.

He assured me that I wasn't in the cavalry and poor old "Blood and Guts" would have to go his way. Before I could figure my way out of a mess, a Sicilian peasant came by and stopped stock still in front of me. In his own way, which consisted of flailing hands and screaming of "moocha lira," I found to my amazement that "No Kapeesha Ingaleesh" wanted to buy the horse.

He offered money, he offered wine, but, having been a "C" ration man from way back, I waited until he would offer the one thing I wanted most—bread.

In the midst of all this haggling, another peasant joined the chummy little group, and whether I liked it or not, I had another customer. "Blood and Guts" had suddenly become a superfine animal.

At long last, one of my Brooklyn buddies of Italian descent came over and settled the whole affair with a word, "Pan." The little Sicilian smiled, reached into his knapsack, and out came a half a loaf of bread. He took the horse, I munched my precious bread, and so the deal was consummated.

Library Notes

"ASK ME ANOTHER"—Find the answer to that question or settle that argument by consulting THE WORLD ALMANAC, a fascinating volume crammed with facts of all kinds. It will tell you what REA stands for; also EIB, ICC, FTC, USTC, and FDIC. What is the capital of Nevada or the motto of California or the state flower of Missouri. How big is Omaha and who won the 68th annual intercollegiate A.A.A.A. Track Championships at Franklin Field in 1944. Marriage and divorce information by states.

Who was Hercules and what are the suffrage requirements in Indiana. If these questions puzzle you the LINCOLN LIBRARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION will come to your rescue.

If you are interested in knowing which fork to use when or how to run a well appointed house with only one (1) maid, you can find in Emily Posts' ETIQUETTE the desired information.

Bartlett's FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS has an item of interest about the familiar title GONE WITH THE WIND. It was taken from Ernest Dowson's poem CYNARA.

"I have forgot much, Cynara! gone with the wind."

Flung roses, roses riotously with the throng."

Stevenson's HOME BOOK OF QUOTATIONS tells us that the Emporer Nero was the one who said "Food for the gods." It seems

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

Acca Temple Shrine Chanters.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, guest preacher. Pvt. Eddie Weaver, organist.

Lenten Service.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Devotions.....Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

Daily Mass.....12 noon

JEWISH

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

fitting to mention here on Washington's birthday that the inscription on his tomb is quoted in full by Stevenson.

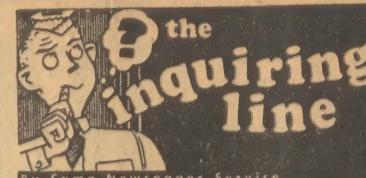
"Washington, the brave, the wise, the good, Supreme in war, in council, and in peace"

Come to the Library and browse through reference books. Prove you are right—or wrong—about that little matter you were discussing. The ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANICA is interesting reading. The article on Charles II will give background to your perusal of FOREVER AMBER. Look up Milton's life and see how it agrees with Graves' WIFE TO MR. MILTON. You may be surprised!

—MARY NOLTING.

NOTE FOR INFANTRYMEN

New York (CNS)—A chemical company is marketing a feather-weight material which will make possible blankets and sleeping bags weighing only a few ounces.



Q. I'm a Wac. I want to know if my husband, a civilian, is entitled to receive dependency benefits from me.

A. The status of a Wac's husband with regard to dependency benefits is not the same as the status of a soldier's wife. The soldier's wife may receive the allotment even if she is not dependent upon her GI husband. But a civilian husband must be chiefly dependent upon his servicewoman-wife in order to get an allotment. If your husband can prove he is chiefly dependent upon you, he can get an allotment. If not, he can't.

Q. Can I get a family allowance for my step-son even though the child receives some support from his own father? My wife had a 7-year-old son by a former marriage when I married her. I look upon the child as my own son. He lives with us and I would like to contribute to his support.

A. Yes, you can. The step-child of a soldier is entitled to family allowance as a member of the soldier's household, even though support is paid by the natural father.

Don't Let Our Buddies Down, Veterans Plead

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duty personnel increases, it must be expected that the work for all of us will increase proportionately.

"You were granted leave or days off without much question before we had many patients here. But leave of absence or a day off must now be arranged at a time that will assure that all of our patients and workers will be properly fed without placing too great an additional burden on those who must take on your duties when you are not here.

"You know these boys up here with me," continued the colonel as he indicated the three patients. "You have fed them and the other patients here often enough. You have fed many more that have come and gone, and you will feed many more to come.

"Don't stay out unless you have a valid reason or have been excused. These boys stayed on the job day and night for many months when they were over there fighting for you.

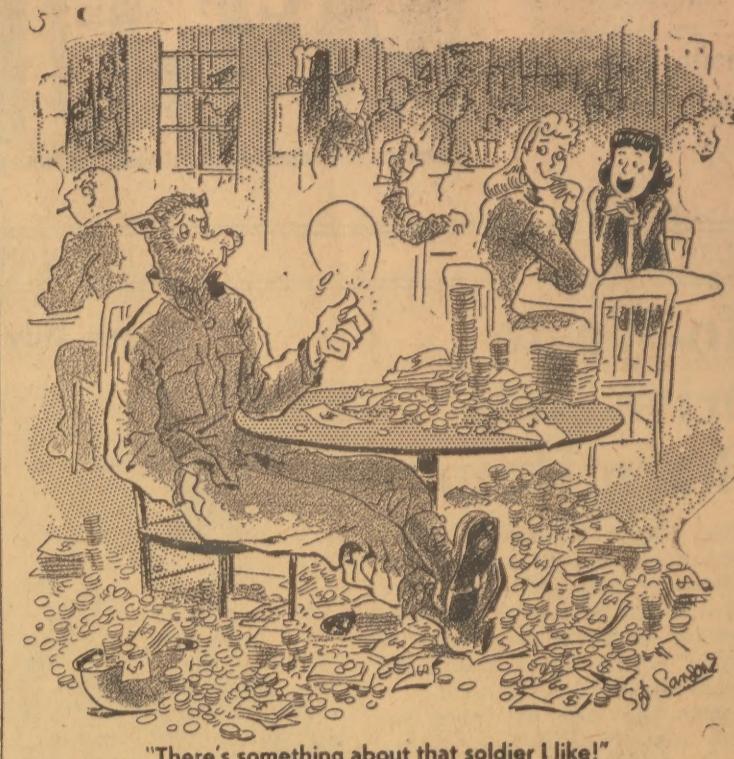
"I believe you will come through with a good attendance record now that the difficulty has been brought to your attention. But, if you don't," said the colonel solemnly, "you'll be letting me down badly, and what is even worse, you'll be letting down these and other fine boys who have sacrificed so much for you."

Sgt. Pullen, paratrooper whose first combat jump was over Cherbourg, told of seeing his own comrades shot down or cut down before his eyes—of being captured by the Germans and held as a prisoner for sixty-two days before being able to escape through the aid of the French underground. The sergeant also told of the food they didn't get while prisoners and how he had lost forty-five pounds in weight. He praised highly the quality of food and service received by the patients here at McGuire and said that he had more than regained his lost weight here. "I know that every one of you workers here today will be on the job whenever you are needed because you have given me such good care," Pullen remarked.

Sgt. Almeida told of his nine years in the Army and how he had fought in this war from the invasion of North Africa through six campaigns until wounds received in action near Aachen landed him in McGuire. Wounded twice previously, and once hospitalized for malaria contracted in line of duty in the tropics, Sgt. Almeida, who wears the bronze star, the Purple Heart with two clusters, and a chest full of campaign ribbons with several battle stars, told

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"There's something about that soldier I like!"

2d Lts., Pvts., Can Be Upped over TO

New Discharge Form to Aid Vets

Disregarding the matter of Table of Organization vacancies, the War Department has authorized the promotion of privates and second lieutenants to the next higher grade when qualified.

Enlisted men or women must have served satisfactorily for one year, or have served outside the United States, for promotion to Pfc., though no authorized TO vacancy exists. Commanders are permitted to advance any private to Pfc. immediately upon leaving the United States.

Second lieutenants must have served 18 months in grade before being eligible for promotion without regard to TO vacancies. Service outside the United States or in Alaska is counted as time-and-a-half in computing the service in grade.

Washington (CNS)—The Army has prepared new discharge forms for officer and enlisted personnel which combine the discharge certificate or the certificate of service with the report of separation.

The new series of forms, designed to assist both the discharged veteran and his future employer, represent the consolidation of 20 forms previously used, and will supply prospective employers and governmental agencies with a concise history of each veteran. In addition to personal data, a brief record of the man's military history, his length of service, military occupational specialty, battles, campaigns and awards received and service schools attended are listed. The faces of the new forms serve as discharge certificates or certificates of service for officer or enlisted personnel.



GI SHAVINGS

BY

Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

FORGETFUL—Never let it be said that Joe McGuire failed to help in time of need. Somewhere in this great institution there is a poor soul whose physical makeup is shrinking daily for lack of a hearty meal. No, this is not a slam at our grill, but our mysterious one must be existing on a liquid diet only—he is very careless with his false uppers. So the BANNER is using this column as a means to inform said sad sack that his missing molars are hanging on the wall in the C.Q.'s office, where Sgts. Golmitz, O'Keefe and Rosenberg will release them upon identification, enabling the owner to once again resume his rightful place in the chow line.

I tried to kiss her by the mill
One starry night.
She shook her head and sweetly
said,
"Not by a dam site".

of seeing his outfit lose 800 men at Long Stop Hill in the African campaign, and of the great number of them lost in other battles.

"I know you won't let down my buddies who are still fighting over there because some day they may come here to you for food and care," Sgt. Almeida concluded.

Pfc. Scochet, also a member of the famed 1st Division, said he could add nothing to Sgt. Almeida's story except to say that all of it is more than true.

IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN—Tec 5 Bob Stiner is a winter sports enthusiast, so much so that on his recent furlough he went all out. Bob, who owns his own bob-sled, successfully survived a course's hairpin turns at dazzling speeds; he tossed in a few exciting moments on the skis; in between, he chased a little rubber puck around the hockey rink and all with no ill effects. However, Robert met his Waterloo and almost broke his back when he went sledding with his little niece!

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE—When the 1st Combat Infantry Band breezed in, S-Sgt. Charles Ross was here with the script for the broadcast. He is a cousin of Chaplain Neil Cashman and prior to his induction spent ten years with the Columbia Broadcasting System.

KING SIZE: Perhaps they were just too modest, but the intellectuals of the BANNER Staff completely overlooked the Associated Press story which praised our own Lee King as the nation's leading service woman blood donor. Yep, fifteen times the gal gave out while the leading male is only two pints ahead. Nice going, Lee!

It isn't the ice that makes people slip, it's what they mix with it.



Bossie arrives (though her mother would never recognize her), above, bright and early while GIs in the barracks are still swearing at the morning razor. Meat is weighed in by mess sergeant Lester Alder, Tec 4 Philip Lupshutz, and E. A. Wilkerson. Meanwhile hot rolls for the hamburgers' overcoats are drawn from the mess hall's huge bakery oven by, left to right (above right), Pfc. Harry Frenchenicht, Tec 5 Jesus Paredes and Sgt. Melvin Sanders.

Odyssey of a Hamburger

Photos by CPL. BRUCE MILGRIM

Hamburgers are the most widely traveled of all army equipment. From the cow to the dogface, the beef patties are noted for going through more hands than a rookie at an induction center.

McGuire ate hamburgers last week. A thousand mouths grabbed at Bossie's best beef, while thought and conversation dwelt on all but where the meat cakes come from.

So here, the BANNER spends a day with a hamburger recording the memoirs of same.



Bossie is minced up beyond all recognition, below left, as Captain Gellman, mess officer, watches. Tec 4 Lawrence Enrione and Sgt. George S. Young are the official fryers, below right, while dozens of burgers at a time sizzle away.



Hamburgers, with all the trimmings from sauerkraut to dessert, are prepared in ward kitchens for service to bed patients. Above left, Jacqueline Howlett, Lt. Vesta Rauber, dietitian, Bessie Hilt, and Janet Archer perform the operation.

Watching the eagles faces and tongues of patients in the chow line, above right, is enough to make any hamburger proud to be alive.

Unusual Is Usual With Info Experts

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Miss Chandler each day are various volunteer staff assistants who have 'graduated' from the Red Cross special training course for this type of service. Many of the volunteers are business women or teachers from Richmond and nearby points who give freely of their time in business hours and on Sundays. Most of the volunteers are wives or relatives of overseas service men.

"We are often asked to shop for gifts, to," Mrs. Sherwood said. "Something real sharp in a baby dress for my kid. I've not seen her yet, but I want her to have a new dress from her dad, to wear when my wife brings her here to see me." . . . "Say, can you get me a pair of ladies' garters?—a real pretty pair—I don't care what they cost." (the shopper found a pair of green satin ones trimmed with black lace and ermine tails that

seemed to just fill the bill).

"Pickles and olives, flowers to be wired home, jeweler's rouge, a pair of trousers, a book of Shakespeare plays, a wrist watch, 'something for a birthday gift for a tall blonde that is twenty-three years old and slender,' popcorn and peanuts, shoulder patches, insignia—I really can't remember them all now," laughed Mrs. Sherwood.

During the first week in February, in just two days, patients left a total of almost \$800 to pay for purchases they wished made for them.

"Of course, shopping is only a small portion of the work at the information desk," Miss Chandler reminded. "We also do package wrapping, arrange for furlough or emergency transportation, give out comfort items for soldiers such as cigarettes, socks, toothpicks, movie tickets, matches, shaving cream, razor blades, tooth brushes, pipes

and tobacco.

"And we also answer thousands of questions—questions about train and bus schedules, housing and hotel rooms, recreation available in Richmond, or 'a nice place to take my girl for dinner and a dance,' information about how to play various card games, pointers on table tennis, racing results or athletic scores, road maps and travel information for relatives who are driving to the hospital from distant points, or, 'what's a five letter word meaning warlike? . . . 'what size hose would a girl wear whose foot is about two inches longer than my hand?'

"There's never a dull moment behind the Red Cross information desk, but that's the way we like it," seems to be the opinion of all who have worked there.

Caller: "Is your mother engaged?" Little Boy: "I think she's married."

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New Car Now On Drawing Board Low Price Job

While you're plodding along the corn-plaster circuit you may dream of that snappy car you're going to drive when you pull off the GI shoes for good. The automobile industry (which has a certain interest in seeing that you buy one of those machines) is working on that same dream.

Providing something tangible that you can be saving for, a large company in the low-price field is planning a new model that will cost about \$800. This contemplated car is to be a full-size job with all the built-in conveniences. Greater use of light metals and conservation of space through careful design would enable it to do 28 to 30 miles on a gallon.

One reason for the proposed new moderately-priced model is the expectation that cars of the pre-war type will be selling at prices above their former levels.

To get the buyer's viewpoint on "cars to come," a questionnaire has been put out for the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the response has been something like the breaking of a dam. Foot-weary and truck-cramped GIs probably will echo the sentiments of some Army men who demand that head-room and leg-room should not be sacrificed for high-speed streamlining.

Among the more novel replies was an idea for a cooling system—with possibly even a cold-water fountain that could be easily installed. For winter driving, one soldier suggested a sand-spreader such as those now in use on locomotives, to provide greater traction when necessary.

Reduced Rates for National Symphony

Special prices for service men and women, many seats at only 60 cents, are available for the concert of the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, Hans Kindler, conductor, scheduled for Monday, 6:30 p.m. in the Mosque.

Tickets may be purchased at Virginia Record Shop, 410 East Grace St., or the Mosque.

Hotel Resort Invites Patients for Weekends

McGuire patients in groups of not more than four are invited to spend week ends at the Patrick Henry Hotel in Louisa, Va. Mrs. J. W. Baker, proprietor of the hotel, personally issued the special invitation.

"I'm sure the patients would enjoy the rest and relaxation as well as horseback riding over our famous bridle paths," said Mrs. Baker.

Patients who wish to accept Mrs. Baker's hospitality are requested to sign up at the Red Cross information desk, noting the week-end they would like to go.

Swedish Massage Course Open to McGuire Patients

Addition of an extra-curricular course in Swedish Massage and Hydrotherapy to the regular reconditioning program at McGuire was announced today by Major Craig Muckle, chief of the reconditioning service.

Major Muckle said that through the cooperation of the Richmond YMCA, patients wishing to learn the profession could enroll and spend several hours daily at the Richmond "Y" Health club. Patients interested in attending the classes were asked to turn in their names at the reconditioning office.

The course was offered to returning veterans through Leonard B. Welte, director of health service at the YMCA, Major Muckle said.

"Correct methods and procedures will be taught by graduate personnel with many years of practical experience," Welte said. "This training is available to the veteran at no cost to himself, and as soon as it is possible to charge for his services, he will receive pay."

Major Muckle said he was informed that the Swedish Massage and Hydrotherapy profession would need large numbers of trained men in the postwar era and urged patients interested in it to sign up immediately at his office.

Army Art Contest Attracts 4 Here

National Army Art Contest has already attracted four McGuire soldiers. An oil painting of an aerial combat scene is fast coming to life under the talented hand of Patient Tony Janivaris, while Pfc. Howard Lees and Sgt. Edward Paier respectfully, are submitting an architectural drawing of an interior design, and water colors of typical army camp scenes. Pvt. Charles Smith will enter a photograph.

Deadline for entries here is March 14. Soldier participants may enter oils, water colors, murals, sculpture, prints, landscape designs and photographs. They will be judged for originality, ingenuity and craftsmanship.

McGuire entries will be forwarded to Baltimore for entry into the Third Service Command exhibition, from which 30 selections will be made to be forwarded to the national competition. National entries will be exhibited in Washington and suitable awards made to winners in each class of art.

McGuire personnel may obtain materials for their work at no cost, and get further information from Sgt. Edward T. Paier, post artist, in his studio, basement, building 207.

JWB Holds Purim Dance Wednesday

Attractive girls in masquerade costume will act as hostesses in a special Purim carnival dance, Wednesday, Feb. 28, sponsored by USO-Jewish Welfare Board.

The affair, to be held in the Virginia Room of the John Marshall Hotel, promises dancing from 8:30 to midnight to the tunes of a Camp Lee jive ensemble.

Married soldiers may bring their wives. Refreshments in keeping with the holiday will be served.

Stilwell Sees China Final Battleground

Washington (CNS)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, new AGF Commander, does not think Japan can be beaten until her armies in China are engaged and defeated. He estimated the Japs could put at least 4,000 men in the field in China.

He predicted a long, tough war in the Pacific, but no radical changes in Army Ground Forces training, which he said was fundamentally sound for all theaters.

Radio Quiz Takes Cake, Say Patients

"Monkeyshines at McGuire," the funfest radio show aired each Friday for a half hour beginning at 7:30 p.m. over station WRNL has meteorized to top position in popularity among McGuire patients. Broadcast directly from the patients' recreation hall, this week's program will feature a group of patients in hilarious gags that are the outcome of wrong answers to a quiz. The show will be preceded by a pre-broadcast warmup starting at 7 p.m.

"Open House at McGuire" will be broadcast at its regular radio time of 4 p.m., Saturday, over Station WRVA. Highlight of this Saturday's Open House program is the story of Sgt. Stuart G. Christian, wounded last July near St. Lo, and the fearless chaplain who drove a jeep under heavy fire to aid the wounded sergeant. Pfc. Seymour Scchet, another patient at McGuire, will tell of an amusing adventure with a horse that he met during the invasion of Sicily.

This program, written and produced by Lt. Howard Leeds, public relations officer, is now in its eleventh week. Msic by Pvt. Eddie Weaver and the McGuire band feature these weekly programs.

"Okay America" offered twice monthly over Station WRVA at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday makes its next appearance next week and will feature patient talent in music or song and "roving mike" interviews with patients returned from overseas.

Richmond's own "Private Eddie Weaver" will be on the air again today and every Thursday at 3:15 p.m. for a 15-minute program of organ requests of McGuire patients and a brief interview with a Virginia patient.

Life Is Cheap

THIRD ARMY FRONT, (CNS)—Pfc. Frank Snider, Cincinnati, played dead for four long hours as he lay in the snow in an exposed position on the top of a ridge overlooking the Siegfried Line south of Viende. A Nazi machine gunner crawled from his nest and kicked him. When Snider did not flinch the Nazi merely stole his boots.

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, February 22. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Patients admitted to first show only.

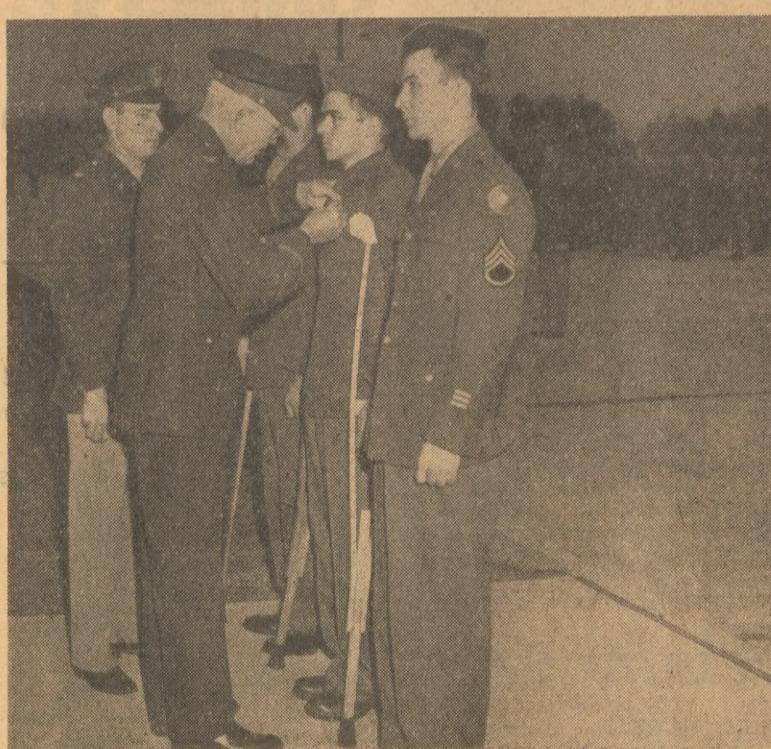
Thursday—"NATIONAL VELVET," with Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald Crisp. Saturday—"TRISCO SAL," with Suzanna Foster, Turhan Bey. Sunday—"PAN-AMERICAN," with Philip Terry, Eve Arden. Tuesday—Double Feature: "WHAT A BLONDE," with Leon Errol and Elaine Reilly; also "FIGHTING LADY," a documentary film. Wednesday—No show scheduled.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Patients Decorated



MEDIC PVT. CINET HUGHART receives the Bronze Star medal from Colonel P. E. Duggins in a formal retreat ceremony last Friday, for rescuing a wounded man in the face of heavy machine gun fire on New Guinea last July. Also awarded, as Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., stands by, were Pvt. Edward L. Zapf, and S-Sgt. Paul H. White, both of whom received the Purple Heart for wounds received in France.

McGuirettes Reach Classy Category In Recent Games

By CPL. AL BIANCO

The McGuirettes showed marked improvement in their last four tilts. They have come a long way by defeating the C & O girls teams, one of Richmond's Municipal League leaders, and also the previously undefeated Camp Lee Wacs. The Wacs, with a record of eight consecutive victories, were subdued by the McGuirettes, 12-8, and forfeited the game in the last three minutes of play. Saturday the girls played a draw contest with Hampton Roads POE, 9-9. Tuesday night the McGuirettes outplayed and outscored the Morris Plan Bank of Virginia, 19-7.

Marjorie Grey Dunn, the McGuirettes triple threat forward, copped highest individual scoring honors with 47 points in nine contests. Her high scoring is credited to her outstanding pivoting and one-handed shooting. Florence Andrews has been consistently effective scoring 44 points in 10 games and setting up team plays.

Rosalie McDonald tallied 39 in

nine games for third place. Helen Conway, with her all around ball playing, totaled 27 in only five contests and was deadly accurate from any position on the floor. Lt. Baines, strictly a floor player, followed with six points in eight contests. Joan Rothgeb tallied three and Jean Mills two points.

The girls lost a good guard in Eva Reed who had to retire because of a back injury. Eva, like Joan Rothgeb, has been a constant threat to all opposing teams and a consistent ball stealer for McGuire. Filling in the guard slot for Eva is Louise Beverly a girl that has improved her brand of ball 100 percent since the season began. Louise never played basketball until she tried out for the McGuire team. In the other guard position Becky Vaughn plays a consistent game, scrapping in the thick of every scramble and outstanding at intercepting passes. Jean Mills, who had to leave the team earlier in the season, returned again and is of much more value in the guard position than at forward.

4F Rate Grows With Increased Age Bracket

WASHINGTON, (CNS)—The relationship between a man's age and his fitness for military service is pointed up by a recent survey conducted by Selective Service. Of men called up at age 29, 40.3 per cent were rejected, the survey indicated. The rejection rate jumped to slightly over 50 per cent at age 34 and climbed to 59.1 per cent for men age 38. At age 44, the percentage of those turned down was 63.2. Among students, generally in the lower age bracket, the rejection rate was 25.7 per cent.

'Outfit' Has Dope On Buddies Overseas

Out to keep overseas veterans hep on what's doing in the old unit, recent changes in personnel, rotations, furloughs, decorations of their buddies, etc., OUTFIT is a new weekly army magazine distributed to all patients.

Copies are brought to each ward. Patients desiring copies should ask the librarian who comes around with the book truck.

GI's remark: "What I want to get out of this army most, is me."

Train Division Takes Lead in Post Hoop Loop

The first annual intra-post basketball tournament opened at the gymnasium Tuesday night with the Train Division hanging a 21-17 defeat on the Bed-Pan Commandos.

Other teams entered in the tourney include the Military Personnel Branch led by Sergeant Morris, Corporal Charlie Wolf and Warrant Officer Bill Conway; Klassy Kwantet captained by Bill Cronin and Tony Hoffman; Yoakley's Yodies, paced by Lt. Dave Yoakley, and the Blackjack Five, commanded by Warrant Officer Larry Roffman and Walt Ancypowic.

Blackjacks, MPB, Win Opening Round Games

A pair of close contests marked final first round games in the Intra-Post Basketball tournament at the gymnasium Wednesday night.

Charley Wolf netted 12 points to pace Military Personnel to a 26 to 25 win over the Klassy Kwantet, with Cheswick and Stevenson leading the losers on eight points apiece.

The Blackjack Five uncovered a new scoring threat in Larry Roffman, who potted nine markers to steer his club from behind to a 26 to 21 victory over Yoakley's Yodies.

Generals and Gals At Hampton Roads For Pair Tonight

Nearing the end of a long basketball season, the McGuire Generals and McGuirettes move to Hampton Roads tonight for a pair of games against the POE teams.

Only one more contest is billed for the Generals this year, the finale to be staged on the home floor Saturday night against opposition yet to be arranged by Corporal Al Bianco, team manager. A doubleheader is on tap for that night.

The Generals dropped three games last week, losing to Randolph-Macon College, Hampton Roads and Langley Field.

Opening the campaign against the Collegians, the Generals were defeated by 12 points, 35 to 23, when they were unable to keep pace with the well-conditioned college boys. Using a fast break, R-M literally outran the Generals to pile up the victory margin in the last half.

Despite Charley Wolf's scoring rampage which netted 24 points, the Generals bowed to Hampton Roads, 72-44, in the second game of the week. Wolf's scoring also brightened the game against Langley, as he connected for 17 markers in the 93-40 loss. Etscorns, former University of Kentucky ace, was high for Airmen with 25 points.

Quartermaster Offers Industrial Training

Washington, (CNS)—Pre-technical training in the arts and trades will be offered by the Quartermaster Corps as part of the conditioning of soldiers in convalescent hospitals, the War Department announces. Courses will include canvas and leather work, sewing machine operation, clothing and textile repair, electrical work, topographical drawing, warehousing, and utility repair.

Rented Land Still Is Best Farm Bet

The McGuire GI who wants to work a little land after the war, without investing too much cash, might find an outlet for his urge on a part-time basis.

The Department of Agriculture, which has been investigating the farm situation for servicemen, reports that part-time farming can be practical for men who locate near large industrial areas and have saved enough to put a moderate sum into a few acres. But it points out that a dependable job is essential for anyone who wants to go into agriculture on this basis.

Renting of land for a full-time family size farm is another prospect. Government heads warn that if the present boom in farm prices continues, it may be extremely difficult for ex-soldiers to buy a farm at a price justified by the long-time earning power of the land. In this case, renting of farms is recommended until prices get down to earth.

The opening of new areas would offer greatly increased opportunities for potential soil-tillers. It is estimated that during the years immediately following the war 300,000 new farms could be created through irrigation, drainage, clearing work and the return of some military land to agriculture. Development of large areas depends on legal authority, funds and time to do the work.

Wait of Metal

PLEASE DON'T TELL NOBODY - BUT I PUT MY LEGGIN'S ON BACKWARDS AGAIN... I COULDN'T WALK 'CAUSE I'M HOOKED ONTO MYSELF!